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Applicant: Peter Emig et al.
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For: NOVEL HETEROARYL DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003. In this Office Action, the Examiner stated that the reply filed on December 20, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the marked-up version of amended claim 1 is incorrect. For example, the Examiner stated that some phrases marked up to be deleted were not in the original claim and a word to be deleted was not shown in the marked-up version. Therefore, the Examiner required a correct copy of a marked-up version that show all changes made to the original claim 1, and only such changes.

Applicants submit herewith a clean version and a correct marked-up version of amended claim 1 as required by the Examiner and respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the previously submitted reply to the prior Office Action and this submission: